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Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98, the reference or references listed and identified on the attached PTO-SB08 based form are being submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner. A copy of the listed references are enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted.

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